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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Use of Circumaural vs Supra-aural Headphones for Hearing Conservation Program Testing

1. Hearing Conservation Programs can now utilize either circumaural or supra-aural headphones when completing hearing tests. Due to durability problems with existing Army and Air Force circumaural headphones the Department of Defense Hearing Conservation Working Group (DoD HCWG) recommended that hearing conservation test sites utilize either type of headphone.
2. Headphones MUST still be calibrated to a specific audiometer. That is, the headphones and the audiometer MUST have the same serial number and MUST be calibrated to each other.



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